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## **Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2008**

### **Members in attendance:**

Brian Beck, D.O.  
Melanie Brim  
Ruth Ann Brintnall, Ph.D.  
Michael Chafty, M.D.  
Dennis Dobritt, D.O.  
Ralph Geraci, PA-C  
Alan Lewandowski, Ph.D.  
Frenchie McCall, L.M.S.W.  
Lawrence Prokop, D.O.  
Claire Saadeh, Pharm.D, BCOP  
Michael Stellini, M.D.

### **Representing/Appointed By:**

Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
Michigan Board of Nursing  
Michigan Board of Medicine  
Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery  
Task Force on Physician's Assistants  
Michigan Board of Psychology  
Chronic Pain Sufferer/Governor  
Michigan State University/Governor  
Michigan Board of Pharmacy  
Wayne State University School of Medicine

### **Members absent:**

Daniel Clauw, M.D.	University of Michigan/Governor
Jean Friend	Public Member
Jack Gobetti, D.D.S.	Michigan Board of Dentistry
Karen Ogle, M.D.	Michigan State University/Governor
John Pappas, M.D.	Michigan Board of Medicine
Maria Silveira, M.D.	Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Assoc. /Governor

### **Visitors in attendance:**

Jeanne Lewandowski, M.D.	Western Michigan University
Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D.	HOPE, Executive Director
Jeff Towns	Michigan Hospice & Palliative Care Association
Sam Watson	Michigan Health & Hospital Association

### **Department staff in attendance:**

Susan Affholter  
Angela Awrey  
Perry Bell  
Steve Creamer

Doreen Lyman  
Robert Ulieru  
Michael Wissel, R.Ph.

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Melanie Brim, Director, Bureau of Health Professions, introduced herself and requested that the ACPSM members and department staff introduce themselves.

A motion to approve the May 22nd minutes was made by Lawrence Prokop, D.O and seconded by Michael Stellini, M.D. Minutes were approved by consensus.

Steve Creamer welcomed new committee members Brian Beck, D.O, Ralph Geraci, PA-C, and Susan Affholter, the new Palliative Care Coordinator with the Bureau of Health Professions.

### **FY 2008 Physician Workforce Survey – Steve Creamer:**

The Physician Workforce Survey is mailed out at the time of renewal of licensure. This renewal period will have a section of questions on pain management. The committee reviewed the current physician workforce survey and made suggestions on wording for the pain management questions. Steve will be emailing to the committee members the final draft of the survey, which includes the suggestions made by the committee. The members are to respond with comments by August 29<sup>th</sup>. The new FY 2009 workforce survey (with pain management questions) will be distributed to all licensed physicians in November, with March 2009 as the end of the license renewal period. A report of the findings is expected in June 2009.

### **Fibromyalgia Presentation:**

Committee member Dennis. Dobritt, D.O. of the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery presented material on Fibromyalgia. His presentation described what fibromyalgia is and how it can be treated.

Sharon Ostalecki, Ph.D., Executive Director, HOPE (*Helping Our Pain and Exhaustion*, a non-profit Organization for Chronic Pain/Fibromyalgia) also presented material on fibromyalgia. HOPE educates health consumers about this condition and how to best deal with the pain. Dr. Ostalecki has a documentary called “Fitting the Pieces” on video/DVD. This documentary describes what fibromyalgia is and how to live with it. Handouts of the PowerPoint were given along with brochures.

Both presentations will be added to the pain management website, which can be found at [www.michigan.gov/pm](http://www.michigan.gov/pm) .

### **Workforce Section Staff Updates:**

Steve Creamer discussed the printing of the book called "Responsible Opioid Prescribing a Physician's Guide", which will be available April 2009. This book will be customized with the MDCH, ACPSM logo. Many were interested in a copy. Steve is going to contact the Federation of State Medical Boards to see if they can sell the book at cost.

Steve also introduced Susan Affholter as the new Pain Management and Palliative Care Coordinator.

Doreen Lyman discussed updated content on the Pain and Symptom Management website. She emailed a flyer to all licensed pharmacists to post. She will be adding a Chronic Pain category to the website. If you any information to add to this category email Doreen at [DALyman@michigan.gov](mailto:DALyman@michigan.gov) . Doreen will also add the Fibromyalgia presentations to the website.

### **FY 2008 Implementation of 2002 Recommendations – Discussion:**

Steve Creamer went over the report discussing which 2002 recommendations have been completed, which are still in progress, and which have not been completed. Susan will have a draft of the structure of the report at the November meeting.

### **Next Steps/FY 2008 Meeting Dates/Adjourn:**

The next meeting will be November 20, 2008 from 9:30am to 12pm. It will be held at the Capitol View Building, Conference Center C. A map and directions will be emailed closer to the date.

At the November meeting, the following will take place: MAPS presentation by Mike Wissel, update on 2009 data from the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee and a draft of the report by Susan Affholter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Awrey

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